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TWO DIE IN HAWAII CAR CRASH

A Penny for your Thoughts

"What do you think of the current fashion in women's shoes, pointed toes?" the Pennies inquirer asked.

Mrs. George Molinelli, 16615 Ogram Ave.:

"I like them because I work and I find that with a closed, pointed toe my stockings are saved, with open-toed shoes I am always bumping the toe and getting runs in my stockings. The pointed toes saves on stocking expenditures."



Mrs. Benjamin Hatfield, Torrance:

"I buy them because that's what they are wearing. They are not comfortable to stand in for any length of time. I think they look nicer than the round toes they had before. I'd just as soon see the present style stay."

Mrs. Bruce Scrivner, 17039 Della Ave.:

"I like them. They are comfortable for me. They wouldn't be comfortable for persons with wide feet. I think the pointed toes are good looking. They tend to make a woman's foot look too long."



Mrs. Andrew Bairden, 5409 Michelle:

"I like them if they are not too exaggerated. I think they are comfortable. I think they tend to make your feet look bigger. If you have big feet this can be bad."

Ingeborg Thielman, 5102 Carmen:

"I like them. They are all right for parties, but if you wear them too long the toes get cramped and you should take them off for a while. They are good looking and I like the style."



Motorist Hurt In Collision

Minor injuries were suffered by a motorist about 5:15 Thursday evening in a two-car accident at Torrance Boulevard and Anza Avenue.

Injured was Edmund Alexander Wildkatsch, 51, of 22020 S. Harvard Ave. Driver of the other car involved was Robert Donald Brown, 38, of 21426 Grant St.

Neat Bandit Passes Note With Demand

A neat and smooth-operating young man carrying a gun walked off with \$20,000 from the credit office of Consumers Mart of America (CMA), 20255 S. Western Ave., police reported Friday. Wearing a white suit, straw hat and dark glasses, the bandit approached credit manager Charles C. James and handed him a note which read:

"This is a holdup. Don't give any alarm. Go to the safe and get the money."

James said the 4 p.m. robbery happened so fast and smoothly that apparently no one else in the office knew what was happening.

JAMES SAID the bandit was carrying a brown shopping bag, and he could see the handle of a gun inside the bag. Later, James said, "I put the gunman's note in a bank bag with the money, then he walked to an exit and fled."

Officers described the man as about 6 feet, 170 pounds, and between 23 and 25 years old.

ANOTHER neat-appearing armed bandit held up the Public Finance Corp., 18312 Hawthorne Ave., Thursday afternoon but made off with only approximately \$100.

Bookkeeper Albert Espinosa, 26, of 2750 Arlington Ave., told police the suspect entered the building through the front door about 12:30 and was taken to a booth. When Espinosa began making out a loan application he said he felt something nudging his leg. When he looked under the table Espinosa said he saw the suspect pointing a 45 automatic pistol at him.

"YOU KNOW what this is Call the girl over here," the suspect said, referring to Ann Lombardo, 23, of Hawthorne.

The suspect put a bag on the table and told the woman to fill it up.

She put the money from a cash register into the bag and took it to the suspect. "Is this all? How about your wallet?" the disappointed robber told Espinosa.

The suspect refused \$150 Espinosa had in his wallet. The other victim showed the robber an empty wallet and produced an envelope containing some money which the suspect put in the bag.

"GET UP REAL calmly and go to the back with the girl and stay there. Don't come out. There is a high-powered rifle pointed at the front door," the suspect told Espinosa.

The robber calmly walked out and was last seen walking northbound on Hawthorne Avenue carrying the paper sack.

Police were told the suspect entered the finance company office about a week ago and asked to see his wife's application. At that time he gave his name as Thomas Barry and his wife's as Julia. When such an application could not be found the suspect got mad and left.

Municipal Plunge Will Close Today

Fall is here and with it the closing of the Victor E. Benstead plunge. Today is the last chance to swim there. The plunge will be open from 1 to 5 p.m. today.



TRAGEDY STRIKES . . . This happy foursome, shown here last March, figured in a tragedy this week when two of them were killed in a Hawaiian crash after the four had been out to dinner during an island vacation. From left are Larry Beaman, whose parents live in Redlands; Virginia Miller, 19, of 1027 Patronella Ave., whose engagement to Beaman was announced recently; Nancy Freas, 20, 5320 Clearsite; and Gerald W. Small, 21524 Dolores St. Miss Freas and Small were killed in the crash.

Body Dumped in Street Identified by Local Police

The body of a young man found along the roadway near Emerald and Earl Streets Thursday night has been identified as Frederick Everett Pidilla, 20, of 1318 W. 227th St., Torrance detectives said yesterday.

Identity of the victim, who had been wrapped in a blanket and sheet, was not immediately determined. The man was clad

in a T-shirt and a pair of wet trousers. Death may have been caused by an overdose of narcotics, but official determination is now being attempted by the county coroner.

Police were called about 9:15 Thursday by a resident nearby who said she had seen a body in the 4500 block of Emerald Street.

Investigating officers theor-

ized the man was dumped there after his death elsewhere. His body showed bruises under his arms and on his jaw. Police indicated the bruises may have been caused by persons dragging the victim's body.

Investigation into circumstances which led to Pidilla's death is being pushed by Torrance detectives.

Car Tumbles Over Rugged Oahu Cliff

A pretty Torrance secretary, on a vacation in Hawaii, and a 19-year-old Torrance sailor, stationed in Hawaii, were killed early Wednesday when their rented car plunged over an embankment on the rugged coast of Oahu. Another Torrance secretary and her fiancé had left the crash victims a short time earlier.

The dead have been identified as Nancy Pauline Freas, 20, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Freas Sr., 5320 Clearsite; and Gerald W. Small, 19, who lived at 21524 Dolores, a sailor stationed at Barbers Point Naval Air Station on Oahu.

THE FREAS girl was in Hawaii with Virginia Miller, 19-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller, 1027 Patronella Ave. The Miller girl was visiting her fiancé, Larry Beaman, also stationed on Oahu. Miss Miller, in a telephone conversation with her mother this week said the four had been out to dinner Tuesday evening, and that Miss Miller had been tired so returned to the hotel at which the girls were staying.

Small and the Freas girl had gone for a ride and were found about 6 a.m. Wednesday on Oahu's rugged windward coast. Police there said the car apparently missed a sharp curve and hurtled over the embankment.

MISS MILLER is scheduled to fly back to the mainland today, accompanying the body of the Freas girl.

The two girls worked together in a title company office in Los Angeles and had saved for nearly a year to make the vacation trip, the HERALD was told. Miss Freas was graduated from South High School and Miss Miller from Torrance High School.

Hecklers Disrupt Debates

A coterie of hecklers attempted to disrupt the "Meet The Candidates Night" held this week at the Gardena High School.

Candidates Clayton A. Dills, Alfred H. Thorsen, and Ted Bruinsma managed to ignore the display and present their campaign stands to an audience of nearly 300 persons. The event was co-sponsored by the Gardena Jaycees and the Junior Womens Club of Gardena.

The hecklers were on hand to cheer fellow member Rick Funderberg who spoke in substitution for Representative Cecil King. Early this week King declined the invitation to debate his opponent "due to press of business in Washington."

ASSIGNED subjects of the forum for the Congressional candidates were foreign aid, the medicare bill, and the common market.

Funderberg made an attack on the American Medical Assn. for its opposition to the King-Anderson Medicare Bill.

Bruinsma pointed out that the bill had been defeated by a Democrat Congress, not the A.M.A. "Mr. King's own colleagues did not think it was a good bill," he stated.

Bruinsma deemed the King-Anderson Bill as "poorly drafted."

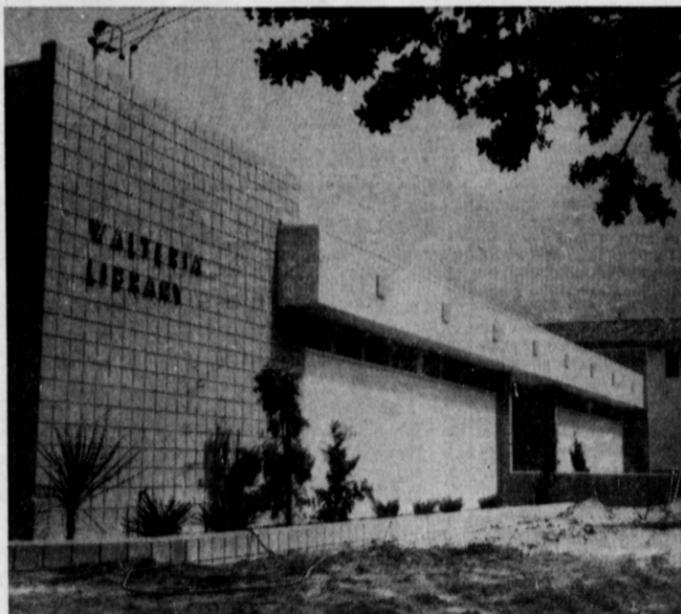
"IT HAS NO relation to the needs of the individual, it is packed with inequities, and it is financially unsound. The kind of program it advocates has failed in other countries."

In discussing the Common Market, Bruinsma said the American economy "can meet competition from any system, providing labor and management are allowed to compete on equal terms with other countries."

He attacked the suggested program of government retraining of workers dislocated by the new Trade Act as "inhumane and impractical."

"INSTEAD, we should re- (Continued on Page 3)

New WALTERIA Library Opens for Business



NEW LIBRARY . . . Dedication ceremonies were held Saturday for Torrance's newest library at 3815 W. 242nd St. Built at a cost of about \$45,000, it features a book capacity of 16,825 volumes and 4,000 square feet. It is located in WALTERIA Park. The new building provides quarters for the library which was opened in 1937 and has been in four other locations. (Herald Photo)



DELIGHTFUL WORK . . . Library officials didn't mind the work involved in getting a library in WALTERIA Park ready for public inspection Saturday since they were preparing a new library. Stocking shelves in the children's department are (left to right) Miss Lee Addison, regional librarian; Mrs. Mollie Dowd, WALTERIA librarian, and Harold Umbarger, city librarian. (Herald Photo)

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